

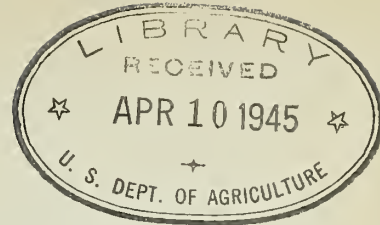
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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION MEMORANDUM NO. 17

To: Branch and Division Chiefs and Regional Administrators  
From: F. J. Hughes, Chief, Administrative Services Division  
Subject: Use of Credit Cards for Purchase of Gasoline

On December 29, 1942, the Office of Petroleum Administration for War issued Directive No. 62 discontinuing the use of credit cards in the purchase of gasoline from service stations on and after February 1, 1943. This Directive was amended on January 19, 1943 and reads in part as follows:

"Section 1525.1 (Petroleum Directive 62) is hereby amended to read as follows: . . . . . (b) Extension of Credit at Retail Outlets Prohibited, (1) Commencing February 1, 1943, no person shall, directly or indirectly, grant or accept or participate in the granting or accepting of credit in connection with the sale of any petroleum product by or through any retail outlet: Provided, (i) that nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to apply to the sale of any petroleum product: (a) to the United States, any State, Territory of the United States, or any political subdivision of the foregoing, or the District of Columbia, for its exclusive use; (b) for use in motor boats used for commercial purposes; or (c) for use in motor vehicles displaying "T" Ration stickers, and (ii) that nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to prohibit the use or distribution of coupon or script books when sold for cash."

It will be noted that the restriction on the use of credit cards has been removed insofar as Federal agencies are concerned.

*F. J. Hughes*

